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Jackson County Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Distributing Fentanyl

MEDFORD, Ore.—A Jackson County, Oregon, man was sentenced to federal prison last Thursday for possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl.

Eduardo Cortes Cortes, 28, was sentenced to 67 months in federal prison and four years' supervised release.

According to court documents, in July of 2022, investigators responded to an overdose where the victim was declared deceased with a rolled up dollar bill with crushed pill residue that tested positive for fentanyl. After extensive investigation, Tyren Duarte was determined to be the source of supply to the victim. Law enforcement later identified Cortes Cortes as a source of that fentanyl, and, during a traffic stop involving Cortes Cortes, law enforcement recovered 93 grams of fentanyl pills and 33.66 grams of a fentanyl analogue inside.

On February 2, 2023, a federal grand jury in Medford, Oregon, returned an indictment charging Duarte, Cortes Cortes, and a third co-conspirator with possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

Duarte previously plead guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison and six years of supervised release on August 19, 2025.

U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was investigated by the FBI, HSI, and the Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement (MADGE). It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sara T. Shaw and John C. Brassell.

MADGE, led by the Medford Police Department works to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations operating in and around Jackson County, and reduce illegal drugs and related crimes throughout the community. The task force is comprised of members from the Medford Police Department, The Central Point Police Department, Oregon State Police, the FBI, and HSI. MADGE is supported by our community with the passage of the Public Safety Levy and grant funding from the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

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